

# MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE

## FAQ Sheet

9876 West Pico Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90035

[www.museumoftolerance.com](http://www.museumoftolerance.com)

The Museum of Tolerance (MOT) offers free field trips to Project LEAD classes. MOT will generously waive admission fees for Project LEAD students and at least two adult chaperones for each visiting class.

Project LEAD classes may visit one of the two following programs:

- **“Steps to Tolerance”** is an interactive and effective bullying program designed for fifth and sixth grade students. It covers topics such as racism, sexism, homophobia, Holocaust history and the importance of tolerance. The program provides an opportunity for students to meet a Holocaust survivor and learn about the experiences of survivors who make a special impact on the world. **This tour is no longer available for booking. The museum has fully booked the STEPS tour through February 2017.** **This program starts at 10:30 a.m. and lasts two hours** (For schools traveling from a 20+ mile distance, the program will start at 11:00 a.m. and last 2 hours).
- **“Finding Our Families, Finding Ourselves”** is a multimedia exhibit that explores the personal histories of several well-known Americans, including Billy Crystal, Maya Angelou, Carlos Santana, Michelle Kwan and Joe Torre. The tour shows how their families are much like our own and how to appreciate various backgrounds. **This program starts at 10:30 a.m. and lasts two hours** (For schools traveling from a 20+ mile distance, the program will start at 11:00 a.m. and last 2 hours).

### How do I schedule a field trip?

Both the museum and bus transportation will be scheduled through the Project LEAD team in the District Attorney’s Public Affairs Division. For reservations, please contact 213-257-2960 or [LEAD@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:LEAD@da.lacounty.gov). Be prepared to provide the following information:

- Preferred date of field trip, plus an alternate date,
- Preferred museum program (1. ~~Steps to Tolerance~~ OR 2. Finding Our Families),
- Name of school,
- Number of students and number of adults attending,
- Whether you plan to eat lunch at the nearby park (only available to schools within a 20-mile drive to the museum).

### When should I schedule the field trip?

For the 2016-17 school year, MOT trips may be taken October 2016 through February 2017. The Project LEAD team needs at least five weeks advance notice to process requests for field trips.

**Requests for MOT field trips will be accepted until January 31, 2017.**

Please plan as far in advance as possible to ensure that bus transportation will be available. Check with your teacher and also review MOT closure dates below before picking a date. Note that reservations are not guaranteed until the requesting facilitator receives a confirmation email from the Project LEAD team. A field trip confirmation will be sent within two weeks of your preferred date.

### **What about transportation?**

The District Attorney's Office will arrange and pay for student bus transportation through a county agreement. The earliest the bus company is able to pick up students for a field trip is 9:00 a.m. The bus will return students to school by 2:00 p.m. The bus company recommends scheduling trips on Mondays or Wednesdays to avoid their peak business days.

At the beginning of the field trip, we highly encourage an adult riding on the bus to ask for the cell phone number of the bus driver to stay in contact. Buses drop off and pick up students in front of the museum. Buses are not allowed to park or wait on side streets. Facilitators who drive directly to the museum on their own may park in the underground parking lot.

### **Do I need to provide student permission slips?**

No. Your teacher should use the school's standard permission slip.

### **What about lunch?**

Lunch is **not** included in the field trip. One recommendation, if time allows, is to stop for a picnic lunch at nearby Cheviot Hills Park (2551 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90064). Students may bring their own lunches, schools may provide bag lunches or facilitators may offer to order pizza or bring sandwiches. Lunch at the park will not be available for schools with a 20+ miles drive to the museum.

### **What if there are problems with the bus or the museum?**

Please report issues to the Public Affairs Division at [213-257-2960](tel:213-257-2960) or [LEAD@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:LEAD@da.lacounty.gov). If you will be arriving more than 15 minutes late to the museum, please call to inform us.

## **HELPFUL REMINDERS FOR THE MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE**

The Museum of Tolerance provides the following guidelines for school field trips:

- No drinks, food, gum, backpacks or cameras are allowed in the museum.
- All visitors must pass through a security screening when entering the museum. Students do not need individual IDs.
- Teachers and chaperones are expected to supervise student behavior. Please emphasize respectful student demeanor during the field trip.
- Teachers should bring emergency contact information for students.
- If possible, wear name tags.
- Facilitators are offered free parking in the lot located underground the building complex (enter on Pico Boulevard). For security purposes, parking attendants may search your vehicle.
- Buses drop off and pick up students in front of the museum. They are not allowed to park and wait on side streets during the field trip.
- When the bus arrives at the museum, the facilitator or teacher should check-in at the front desk with the exact student and adult count and will receive directions from the museum floor manager. To ensure the safety of the students, please do not have them vacate from the buses until given permission to do so.
- In case of an emergency during your visit, call the museum floor manager at 310-772-2509.

**Museum Closure Dates in 2016:** October 3, 4, 12, 17, 18, 24, 25, November 24, 25, December 26

**Museum Closure Dates in 2017:** January 2

For more information, please visit the Museum of Tolerance website at [www.museumoftolerance.com](http://www.museumoftolerance.com). The website explains the various exhibits and provides a helpful teacher's guide to better prepare students for this field trip.